

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5689**  
ANSWERED ON 04.04.2025

**DREDGING AND DE-SILTING OF RIVER SAL AND ZUARI**

5689. SHRI CAPTAIN VIRIATO FERNANDES:

Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Government has received proposals from Goa for the dredging and desilting of critical tributaries of the Zuari and Sal rivers to prevent flooding and improve navigability;
- (b) if so, whether any funding has been allocated under the Flood Management and Border Areas Programme; and
- (c) whether the Government is considering to support silt removal and riverbank stabilization projects in South Goa?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS  
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) to (c) Flood management and anti-erosion schemes are formulated and implemented by the concerned State Governments as per their priority. The Union Government supplements the efforts of the States by providing technical guidance and promotional, financial assistance for management of floods in critical areas. To strengthen the structural measures of flood management, Ministry of Jal Shakti had implemented during XI & XII Plan Flood Management Programme (FMP) for providing Central Assistance to States for works related to river management, flood control, anti-erosion, drainage development, anti-sea erosion, etc. which subsequently continued as a component of "Flood Management and Border Areas Programme" (FMBAP) for the period from 2017-18 to 2020-21 and further extended up to March, 2026. Two flood management projects of Goa have been completed under FMBAP Scheme and central assistance amounting to Rs. 11.98 Crore has been released. Ministry of Jal Shakti has formulated National Framework for Sediment Management (NFSM) which focuses on approach/measures for sediment management in watershed, rivers and reservoirs.

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